

**SEAVINGTON ST MARY/MICHAEL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE 417th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD AT THE SEAVINGTON MILLENNIUM HALL
On Tuesday 27th May 2014 at 7.00 pm**

1954.ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT

Mr S Madge - Chair

Mr P Ashley

Mrs S Cooper

Mrs E Edwards

Mrs B Lake

Mrs P Parsons

Mrs R Turner

Christopher Le Hardy - County Councillor

Paul Thompson – District Councillor

APOLOGIES

Barry Walker – District Councillor

ALSO ATTENDING – 8 members of the public

1955.PUBLIC QUESTION TIME –

Several members of the public asked why the Parish Council had given full support to both the proposed plans at Pond Farm and Lift West when parishioners who had responded to a questionnaire in connection with the updating of the Neighbourhood Plan had indicated that they would not like to see more residential development in the villages. It was pointed out that as SSDC had no agreed Local Plan at the moment many planning applications were being received. Parish Councillors had been advised that SSDC planning officers had been discussing both plans with applicants and that they had been given indications that there were no planning law implications. Councillor Madge also pointed out that the final say regarding any planning is with SSDC Area North Planning Sub Committee. Residents who live close to Pond Farm indicated that they would be attending the Area North meeting the next day when this application is to be discussed.

A request was made that residents should be provided with information regarding Planning Law. However, as this is not easy to explain to the layman. Paul Thompson (District Councillor) agreed to do this. Updating of Neighbourhood Plan was taken at this point (but see item 1969) so members of public who had attended meeting could leave after discussion.

- 1956. REPORT FROM POLICE –** Nothing further has yet been heard regarding problems in David's Lane.

1957.REPORT FROM COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S

PT - SSDC Local Plan going to Inspector on 3rd June. Some concerns still being aired.

Lift West Development – Parish Councillors expressed their concerns that only some £2,200 of the £18,600 that may be due from the developer of this site as Capital Contribution. Letter to be written to Chief Executive SSDC, Leader of Council and copied to County and District Councillors.

CLeH – Meeting with County Highways. Meeting also to be held re South Petherton and the effects of any improvement to the A303. Parish Councillors asked that Branstons are also brought in to these discussions. *Health and Well Being* budget for the coming year will concentrate on obesity and smoking. *Superfast Broadband –* Minimum of 2 mbs per second promised within the next 2 years. Surveys to be carried out in this area starting in the Autumn.

- 1958. MINUTES OF THE 416th ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd April**
were agreed as correct and signed.

- 1959. REPORT REGARDING HIGHWAY AND FLOODING ISSUES** - Several concerns still outstanding

1960. **REPORT ON WORKS COMPLETED BY LENGTHSMAN** – to carry out works to the pavement in Church Lane.
1961. **POSSIBLE USE OF COMMUNITY PAYBACK TEAM** – Team due to visit village early in July to do works to the bank leading down to Seavington House. SPFA have agreed that the Sports Block can be used by the team for lunch breaks.
1962. **REPORT ON VILLAGE FOOTPATHS** – Now in a position to publish maps in Newsletter but Councillor Madge is awaiting reports re the use of his land. Suggested that along with the publication information should be printed with regard to the Countryside Code and whether The Seavingtons needs its own code. Hopeful that maps will be in July Newsletter
1963. **REPORT ON VILLAGE CAR PARK** – Still awaiting information regarding Deeds of Easement from residents of 1 and 2 Winchester Cottages.
1964. **REPORT ON SPFA** – Proximity Card entry system now installed. However, there are a few teething problems that need sorting. AGM to be Tuesday 8th July. All residents welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be served. More information in July Newsletter.
1965. **REPORT FROM COMMUNITY SHOP** – Joint signage – plans in place for this. Concerns were expressed with regards to dogs in the picnic area.
1966. **COMMUNITY ASSETS REGISTER** – Further discussions to be had with landlord.
1967. **PROGRESS RE BLUE PLAQUE FOR VOLUNTEER INN** – Councillor Turner now in a position to push this forward.
1968. **SUNDRY MATTERS OF REPORT** – Councillor Madge attended South Somerset Housing Fair and obtained useful information with regards to Lift West Development.
Defibrillator - Suggestion made that one should be purchased and placed o The Millennium Hall. Investigations to be made with regard to costs and siting.
Resignation of Councillor Cooper - Councillor Parsons to ascertain what needs to be done.
1969. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS** - Councillors were asked how the production of a New Plan would be funded. Agreed that there would appear to be no outside funding available but that the Parish Council would find some monies so that an up-date to the Parish Plan issued in 2005 could be published. Several questionnaires had been published in the Seavingtons' News and although the number of returns was not great the sub-committee felt they were now in a position to put a new plan together. It was pointed out that the Parish Council had been hopeful that the SSDC Local Plan would have been agreed and that the two would butt-together. Resume of questionnaire number 2. –
Transport and roads – In general survey revealed satisfaction but frequency and usage of buses scored lower marks. *Village footpaths* - well maintained and signed, hopeful this will continue. *Speeding* - along with parking remains high on villager's agendas. *Verge maintenance* - needs to be better both locally and nationally. **Amenities** – Generally good level of satisfaction with a large percentage supporting the importance of a vibrant pub within the village. **Health/Policing/Neighbourhood Watch** - Concern expressed in the paucity of policing and lack of awareness of visibility within the village of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. **Churches/Communications** – Much faster Internet broadband availability remains a key priority in the villages.
1970. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – Members of the public expressed their concerns re Pond Farm application and were disappointed that the Parish Council had given full support. Residents will be attending Area North Planning Meeting.
1971. **ACCOUNTS** – (a) Current Account - £13,423.70 cr Business Reserve - £12,282.24
(b) – Accounts for 2013.14 were unanimously approved by all present.
(c) – Approval by all present for payments requests – J Gillard - \$410. SALC £131.98
AON Ins £377.69. David Ogilvie - £22.15 (re works in Church Lane)

(d) Annual grants to village organisations agreed – Community Shop £1,500 [Annual grant and rent]
£1,000 Parochial Church Council [Churchyard maintenance]. Millennium Hall £1,000 [General
maintenance]

1972. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday 24th June 2014 – 7.00pm Millennium Hall

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

Date